



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM

December 14, 1972

TO : Brig. General Wendell L. Bevan, Jr.  
Director  
Office of Special Activities  
Central Intelligence Agency

FROM: James R. Gardner  
Acting Deputy Director for Coordination  
Bureau of Intelligence and Research

Ambassador Johnson on 12 December 1972 approved a resumption of IDEALIST flights as they have been conducted in the recent past; that is, with a 25 NM CPA to the mainland and a 12 NM CPA to Chicom-held islands. The approval was given in the light of your intent to maintain every feasible safeguard against a possibility of a successful attack against the aircraft.

Ambassador Johnson also noted that the IDEALIST program will become increasingly vulnerable politically as the US and the PRC continue toward a normalization of relations, and directed INR to request USIB to review the current status of the US-GRC cooperative intelligence efforts as they might be influenced by an eventual termination of the IDEALIST program. Our request should go forward in the near future.

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State Dept. review completed

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1. HAVE YYOUR "H.I.T.B" POSTER PLUS LARGE PIX OF BIRD--  
NEITHER, HOWEVER, IS MOUNTED (PARDON THE EXPRESSION) SINCE OUR  
CHAMPION MOUNTER OF LARGE ITEMS IS AT [ ] ON TDY UNTIL NEXT MONTH.  
IF YOU'VE GOT SOMEONE THERE WHO CAN DO THE JOB,  
WILL SHIP NEXT COURIER--IF NOT, WILL HOLD TIL END JAN AND  
MOUNT BOTH AND FRAME THE PIX. OVER TO YOU.

2. BEFORE HE LEFT ON COMPASS TRIP THIS AYEM,  
[ ] ASKED ME IF I'D BUG YOU AGAIN ON GETTING SOME  
WORD ON THE 18 NOV INCIDENT AT [ ] APPRECIATE IF  
YOU COULD HAVE SOMEONE GIVE US A QUICK EYES ONLY  
RECAP PRIOR [ ] RETURN THRUSDAY.

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